

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please rewrite claim 5 as follows:

1. (Cancelled)

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Previously Amended) The device according to claim 5 wherein a portion of each of the connecting spring plates other than the base and head end connecting portions is coated with nickel by nickel plating.

5. (Amended) A connecting device for a sound generator comprising:

a pair of connecting spring plates,

each of the connecting spring plates comprising a base end connecting portion, an intermediate portion, a branch portion, outwardly extending from the end of the intermediate portion in a same plane as the plane of the intermediate portion so as to form an L-shape together with the intermediate portion, an overlap portion, and a head end connecting portion,

the overlap portion being formed by turning an end portion of the branch portion in U-shape, in a space of a rectangular parallelepiped which perpendicularly extends from an upper surface of the branch portion, and the space having a lateral width equal to the width of the branch portion;

the base end connecting portion being constructed and arranged for connection to a terminal of a sound generator by soldering, and the head end connecting portion being turned into a U-shape for connecting to a terminal of an

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outer circuit by pressing the head end connecting portion against the terminal,

a surface of the base end connecting portion being coated with gold by gold plating;

a surface of the head end connecting portion being coated with gold by gold plating, and

said coating with gold by gold plating being limited to the base and the head end connecting portions.
